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TOPIC Rail Shipments through ZAHONY

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The following Soviet rail shipments, coming from the Soviet Union, were observed to pass through the railroad station of ZAHONY (R 49/E 90) en route to Hungary:

16 September 1949:

Twenty-two boxcars loaded with ammunition, heavily guarded, bound for BATASZK (Y 5/B 64).

17 September 1949:

- a. Forty passenger coaches occupied by personnel.
- b. Twenty-one boxcars loaded with ammunition, bound for BAJA (Y 6/S 27). *

19 September 1949:

Twenty railroad cars carrying Soviet Air Force materiel including three single-engine aircraft with short fuselage and two radio trucks.

20 September 1949:

- a. Thirty-one flatcars carrying about 50x10-foot truss-bridge sections and iron pontoon sections, bound for BATASZK.
- b. Twenty-one flatcars carrying Soviet Air Force materiel including eight aircraft, with fuselage and wings of each aircraft loaded on two flatcars. *

21 September 1949:

Twenty-two boxcars loaded with ammunition. *

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22 September 1949:

Twenty railroad cars carrying Soviet Air Force materiel, including four aircraft with short fuselage, bound for BATASZEK. *

23 September 1949:

Sixteen tank cars (with removable container) filled with fuel, bound for BATASZEK.

24 September 1949:

a. Twenty-three flatcars loaded with bridge sections and two Stalinec prime movers, bound for BATASZEK.

b. Nine boxcars loaded with ammunition, bound for BAJA.*

25 September 1949:

a. Eight railroad cars loaded with Soviet Air Force materiel, including two aircraft, bound for BAJA.

b. Twenty railroad cars loaded with bridge sections, bound for BATASZEK. *

26 September 1949:

a. Eighteen passenger coaches occupied by personnel.

b. Twelve tank cars filled with fuel, bound for BATASZEK.*

27 September 1949:

Twelve boxcars loaded with ammunition, bound for BAJA. *

28 September 1949:

a. Twelve tank cars (with removable container) filled with fuel, bound for BAJA.

b. Sixteen railroad cars carrying Soviet Air Force materiel including three single-engine aircraft and one tank truck, bound for BATASZEK. *

29 September 1949:

a. Six flatcars loaded with bridge sections, bound for BATASZEK.

b. Five sealed boxcars, bearing the caution sign "inflammable", bound for PEREMARTON (P 48/D 83).

c. Twelve passenger coaches occupied by personnel. *

1 October 1949:

Eight passenger coaches occupied by personnel. *

2 October 1949:

Eleven tank cars filled with fuel, bound for BATASZEK. *

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3 October 1949:

Nine passenger coaches occupied by personnel, bound for MOHACS (Y 5/B 62). *

5 October 1949:

Eight flatcars loaded with bridge sections, bound for BATASZEK.)

8 October 1949:

Fourteen passenger coaches occupied by personnel. *

9 October 1949:

- a. Eleven passenger coaches occupied by personnel.
- b. Five tank cars filled with fuel. *

10 October 1949:

Shipment of personnel, bound for BAJA.

12 October 1949:

Four sealed boxcars, bearing the caution sign "Inflammable", bound for MAGYARONY (J 48/H 41). *

14 October 1949:

- a. Sixteen flatcars loaded with materiel, including 2 bridge spans and 1 Stalinec prime mover.
- b. Six tank cars filled with fuel, bound for BATASZEK.*

Comment:

Shipments which passed through the ZAHONY railroad station at night

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b. It was therefore impossible to verify the information of mid-August 1949, according to which Soviet troops of about one mechanized division were allegedly moved from the Soviet Union to Hungary between late July and mid-August 1949.

c. For these reasons only limited credence can be given to the report on shipments passing through the ZAHONY railroad station between 16 September and 15 October 1949. For example, it appears incredible that 62 tank cars with fuel should have been conveyed from the Soviet Union to Hungary during the mentioned period. They may have been empty tank cars which were to pick up fuel from CISTERS-DORF; they may also have contained special fuel for Soviet or Hungarian Air Force units.

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d. From the report it is inferred that the following shipments were carried through:

Ammunition: 86 railroad cars

Bridge sections
and engineer

equipment: 104 railroad cars

Fuel: 62 railroad cars or tank cars

Personnel: 132 railroad cars (about four thousand men)

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